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Applicant Initiated Interview Request FormApplication No.: 09/883,376First Named Applicant: Thomas G. ZimmermanExaminer: Thomas StevensArt Unit: 2123Status of Application: pending

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Tentative Participants:(1) Randy Lacasse(2) Nidhi Malla

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Proposed Date of Interview: 12/09/04Proposed Time: 10:00 (AM/PM)**Type of Interview Requested:**(1) ☐ Telephonic(2) ☒ Personal(3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rejections</u>	<u>1-31</u>	<u>6,216,098</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

- Applicants wish to clarify the claims directed to simulating a tool or functions of a
- tool which is different from the "simulation tool" described in U.S. 6,216,098
- (Clancey et. al.)

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

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Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Randy Lacasse

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

34,368

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